

OIA 2724

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Josh Thompson

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Dear Josh

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 27 December 2016 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

Please provide details of any improvements to State Highway 54 between Feilding and Palmerston North that have been proposed, investigated, requested or completed in the past five years.

Two documents fall within the scope of your request and are attached:

1. *Palmerston North-Manawatu Strategy Transport Study – Phase 2 Report (June 2010).*
2. *Accessing Central NZ Strategy Case, 12 November 2016.*

The section of state highway you mention forms part of a Joint Transportation Study which was completed in 2010 through collaboration with the NZ Transport Agency, Horizons Regional Council, Palmerston North City Council and Manawatu District Council. This Joint Transportation Study now forms part of the operative Manawatu–Whanganui Regional Land Transport Programme 2015–2025 and is referenced in the Manawatu–Whanganui Regional Economic Development Action plan [Accelerate 25](#).

The Transport Agency has investigated and carried out the following projects on State Highway 54 between Palmerston North and Feilding:

- Installation of Rural Intersection Activated Warning Signs at the intersection of State Highway 3 and State Highway 54. This work was completed as part of the minor safety programme.
- Installation of right turn bays on State Highway 54 (Milson Line) at the intersection of Kairanga–Bunnythorpe Road. These works commenced in 2016 and were completed in January 2017, as part of the minor safety programme.
- The strategic case report '*Accessing Central New Zealand*' (attached) defined strategic problems and objectives for the wider triangular area that has points of Bulls, Levin and Ashhurst, (see page five of report – Figure 1: Area covered by the Strategic Case). The Transport Agency is progressing to the next stage of this work.
- General maintenance work, including resealing.

If you require any further clarification, please contact Ross l'Anson, Highway Manager Palmerston North, by email at Ross.l'Anson@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on (06) 953 6077.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Neil Walker', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Neil Walker
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For Chief Executive